



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 05225.0260

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Hideki YOSHIDA et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2186
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Application No.: 10/779,738	)	Examiner: Sheng Jen TSAI
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Filed: February 18, 2004	)	
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For: STORAGE APPARATUS AND	)	Confirmation No.: 9440
AREA ALLOCATION METHOD	)	

MailStop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2006, the period for response to which extends through January 13, 2007, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filled concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.

**Attachments** to this amendment include **a certified English Translation of Japanese priority application no. 2003-41486.**